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Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENT REGARDING ACTION DATED JANUARY 19, 2007

Applicants submit this paper to address an inherent inconsistency in the Office Action mailed on January 19, 2007 in respect of the above-referenced patent application.

The cover page of the Office Action states that the shortened statutory period for response is THREE months. However, it is stated in the body of the Action that the deadline for response is ONE month, and that the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 do not apply to the time specified in this action.

In an effort to clarify this inconsistency, and to determine the actual date on which a response is due, Applicants' undersigned representative initiated a teleconference with Ms. Brenda Gray of Technology Unit 1600 on February 15, 2007. Ms. Gray advised that the shortened statutory period of response set forth on the cover page of the Action was controlling, regardless of any conflicting deadline set forth within the body of the Action. Ms. Gray further indicated that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("the Office") would not consider the application to be abandoned if a response were filed on or before April 19, 2007.

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Accordingly, Applicants intend to rely on this information, and plan to file a response to the Action on or before April 19, 2007.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter, Applicants' undersigned representative may be reached at (215) 564-8392.

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